

TAXPAYERS OF STATE
FORM ORGANIZATION

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Plans for the formation of a permanent organization of the Arizona State Taxpayers Association were adopted at a meeting of the representative business men and taxpayers of Arizona which met at Tucson Arizona, Thursday, April 9th at 2 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce quarters.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the organization was perfected by the maintaining of permanent quarters at the capital at Phoenix, and the appointment of over fifty persons to serve as a board of trustees which will have control of the business of the organization.

The convention was called to order by J. N. Gaines now secretary of the Cochise County Taxpayers Association.

Mr. Gaines stated to the meeting the purpose of the gathering and the great benefits that had accrued to Cochise County, through this organization and among other things stated that over \$60,000 had been saved to the people last year through the operation of the association. He also stated that the main object was to assist in the management of public affairs to the point that the people will get a dollar's value for every dollar expended and go into every transaction before as well as after the money is expended and discuss matters with the county and municipal officers with a view of helping them administer the affairs in the most economical manner.

"Officers in general" he said, "are willing to be helped in their duties, and in case of those exceptional instances where they are not, we believe the prerogative of the taxpayers is to go into the officer's business. We believe in the principle that individuals, firms and corporations have a right of voice in the expenditure of public money since all share in the payment of the same. We believe that the taxpayers have a right both morally and legally to know just how the money is going to be spent as well as to know how it is spent."

W. H. Keegan, secretary of the Gila County Taxpayers Association followed Mr. Gaines and told of the operations and benefits that had been derived since the organization had been completed in Gila County.

The matter of the expenditure for a number of different departments were touched on by both speakers, and the matter of schools were talked of at length, and the checking of vouchers and the efficiency of the school system discussed at length. It was found that the per capita tax expenditures of Cochise County among the school children had increased in a number of cases as much as 50 per cent while the efficiency had remained the same, and it was the policy of the association to get a dollar's value in efficiency from this branch for every dollar expended, and recommended that all vouchers be checked more carefully, as they are not audited by the Board, and in most counties the expenditures of schools equal 25 per cent of the total expenditures.

After an informal discussion, R. Kuchler of Glendale moved that Mr. Gaines act as chairman pro tem and Mr. Keegan as secretary pro tem and that the chairman appoint a committee composed of one member from each county on permanent organization.

The convention then took a recess until the committee could report, and at 3:30 the meeting again convened and the committee made its report.

Constitution Adopted.

The committee reported that they had decided upon a constitution and by-laws for the guidance of the

REACHING DEPTH.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

John S. Jones, who is in the city from Chaparral, states that the Little Jessie exploration is at the 300-foot level, where a station is being cut, and that the old cave-ins in that zone are being picked up. One of the richest shoots existed at that point several years ago, and expectations are centered to again making noteworthy determinations there when the old vein is opened up and further explored. Mr. Jones states also that the Flammer strike is attracting attention and the district is again getting quite active.

State organization. The report was adopted. The constitution provides for the appointment of an executive committee constituted of five members and also the selection of three members from each county, together with a vice-president to act as a board of trustees. This committee will consist of over fifty members. It also provides for permanent headquarters at Phoenix and for the publication of a monthly publication to be distributed through out the State to tell of the work of the organization.

The committee recommended the selection of P. A. Tharaldson of Maricopa County as President and C. O. Ellis of Douglas as treasurer, and that the secretary be chosen by the executive committee later. The Executive Committee as recommended by the above committee, included P. A. Tharaldson, of Phoenix, Maricopa county, Albert Steinfield of Tucson, Pima county, Randolph Kuchler of Glendale, Maricopa county, and M. J. Cunningham of Bisbee, Cochise county, the fifth member to be selected later from Gila county. These selections as well as the constitution and by-laws were ratified by the convention.

Session in Evening.

The evening was taken up in discussing the work of the association. Reports were made by a number of the counties on their selections of trustees and vice-presidents. Provision was made that the secretaries of the various county organizations be made members of the boards of trustees.

The members of the board of trustees reported, are as follows:

Maricopa.

P. A. Tharaldson
R. Kuchler
S. Oberfelder
W. B. Twitchell, vice-president

Pima.

Dr. H. W. Fenner
P. C. Brennan
W. A. Julian
Epes Randolph, vice-president

Pinal.

C. D. Reppe
Wm. Mullen
A. D. Brewer
John Devine, vice-president

Cochise.

M. J. Cunningham
L. C. Shattuck
H. A. Merrill
W. M. Anderson, vice-pres.
W. M. Adamson, vice-pres.

Gila.

J. M. Purdam
A. M. Hansen
E. Y. T. Taylor
S. D. Greer, vice-president.

It was urged that the several chambers of commerce of the State immediately take the matter up and appoint trustees to represent their counties and also if possible to organize a county taxpayers association in every county in the State.

It is the policy of this organization to promote publicity and to assist in getting a detailed statement of all expenditures made by State, county and municipal officials in the hands of the taxpayers.

In looking over the report of the clerk of the board of supervisors of Yavapai County for 1913 it is found that the total amount of claims which are authorized and audited by the board for 1913 amounts to \$198,301.83.

Expenditures Through Other Sources and Not Audited
by the Board of Supervisors.

State Taxes (Remittance)	\$152,024.23
Interest on bonded debt	16,122.82
Court orders	884.10
Taxes transient herds	1,099.30
School District funds (By School Superintendent)	84,689.77

Total expenditures for all county purposes \$453,122.05

Bonded and High School Districts.

School District No. 1, Bond and Interest Fund, (Interest paid and bonds redeemed by School Superintendent)	\$ 6,500.00
School District No. 1, (High School) by School Superintendent	11,568.11
School District No. 9, (High School) by School Superintendent	7,985.69

Total expenditures all sources \$479,175.85

School fund warrants are drawn on the County Treasurer by the County School Superintendent, and interest, bonds and State's pro rata taxes are paid direct by the County Treasurer, claims for which are not audited by the Board of Supervisors.

A comparative statement taken from the report of the State Auditor of Arizona, shows the following:

	1911-1912	1912-1913	1913-1914
Approximate assessed value of State of Arizona	\$98,000,000.00	\$140,000,000.00	\$275,000,000.00
Tax levy on each \$100,000	.90	.90	.492
Approximate amt. realized	\$881,750.00	\$1,260,000.00	\$1,855,050.00

The increase of revenue of 1913-1914 over 1912-1913 will be applied for educational (including free text books), agriculture, and horticultural purposes. The levy for school purposes was \$300,000.00 in itself.

From the statement of the State Treasurer under date of March 31st, 1914, it is learned that there is in the school fund of the State, which is available for school purposes, the sum of \$145,783.95.

CAN'T EXTRADITE AL-
LEGED FAKE PROMOTER

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

With the return of Sheriff Charles C. Keeler to this city today will conclude the final chapter in the efforts to extradite W. S. O'Brien, an alleged fake promoter of Los Angeles, who is wanted here upon the charge of procuring money from two local railroad men under false pretenses. Three successive efforts to extradite O'Brien from California have failed and but little hope is entertained here for a reversal of the latest decision after an investigation by the California Attorney General upon the request of County Attorney P. W. O'Sullivan, is conducted.

O'Brien who represented the Railway Realty Investment Company, procured \$500 from two alleged victims in this city. Later when the men tried to have their money returned, it was refused. Complaint was filed with County Attorney O'Sullivan and extradition papers prepared and immediately turned down at a hearing before Governor Johnson. The surrender of O'Brien was refused upon the grounds that the alleged crime constituted a misdemeanor.

Then the Corporation Commission was recruited in the legal struggle and a complaint was signed by that body. Violation of the "Blue Sky" law was charged. The California officials in ruling upon this extradition petition, went along the theory that inasmuch there was no "Blue Sky" law in California, it wasn't called upon to surrender one of its citizens to another State where such a measure was in effect. O'Brien was released from the custody of the officials last week upon habeas corpus proceedings.

Local officials are now helpless to act inasmuch every legal channel has been blocked. The two alleged victims still have the course open to them to go to California and sue for their money but such procedure is deemed nothing short of folly. The failure to extradite O'Brien practically means that the promoter has concluded his business among his local customers and gotten away with it without much difficulty.

PAY WHEN THE
WORK IS DONE

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

In response to a telegram politely suggesting that the county pay its share of the sign posting work before it is even undertaken, Clerk R. T. Belcher of the Board of Supervisors Tuesday wired back to the Automobile Club of Southern California that when the work was satisfactorily completed and a bill presented, a warrant for the required amount would immediately be issued.

The telegram from the auto club imparted the knowledge that every county along the route from Los Angeles to Albuquerque had readily joined in the move to post the Santa Fe trail and that the Board of Directors would order the work to go ahead as soon as the funds were available. President Lowe of the Old Trails association has been named custodian of the funds, Yavapai County's portion of the expense is 360.

WOMAN JURY? NO TOO
BUSY AT HOME

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Arizona may be longing for women juries but if it is, the feeling is more for recreation's sake than duty's call. Taking Prescott as an example the woman jury prospects have dwindled into a cold, laughable fizzle. When the attorneys in a neighborhood quarrel decided to have their case judged by a jury of six women in Justice of the Peace Charles H. McLane's court yesterday, Under Sheriff Charles M. Ralile and his staff spent two days serving subpoenas upon qualified female voters.

Of the twenty-seven women voters served with the summons, each one found that she couldn't serve. Some were forced to stay at home and tend the baby; others had to prepare dinners for "hubby" while still a number of others were forced to spend their afternoon preparing for an evening party or reception. The officials then threw up their hands and told the attorneys that there "was nothing doing in the unique and original line."

Accordingly, six men were utilized to weigh the evidence in the case in which Mrs. Joseph Kellum was charged by a neighbor with disturbing the peace of the neighborhood. After a deliberation of thirty minutes, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, but recommended that "the court reprimand both parties and especially Mrs. Kellum for using obscene language before children." Judge McLane delivered the reprimands.

TRANSFER CASE TO
FEDERAL COURT

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Accepting the privilege for its face value, the counsel for the Kansas City Structural Steel Company defendants in the suit for \$50,000 damages brought by F. L. Haworth administrator of the estate of Otto D. Spake, deceased, have asked and secured a change of venue from the Yavapai County Superior Court to the United States District Court of Arizona.

In the case of an appeal from the verdict of the lower court, a direct transfer could then be made to the Supreme Court of the United States whereas if the case were tried in the Superior Court and an appeal was desired, it would first be made to the Supreme Court of the State and thence, if the result were not satisfactory, to the Supreme Court of the United States.

In the case of an appeal from the in the Federal Court here during the summer session.

Spake who was twenty three years of age, was killed while employed as a structural iron worker for the defendant corporation in the erection of the new smelter at Clarkdale.

\$1000 PURSE FOR FRON-
TIER DAY AUTO RACE

(From Thursday's Daily.)

At a meeting on Tuesday night of the Prescott Auto Club, two questions of importance received favorable consideration. The first being to hang up a purse of \$1,000 for the auto race around the loop, for Frontier Day, and the appointing of a committee to go to Phoenix to perfect the enrolling of the local organization as a member of the American Automobile Association.

D. M. Clark was appointed chairman of the track events, while C. E. McKinley, T. G. Norris, Malcolm Fraser and LeRoy Anderson were selected as delegates to go to Phoenix.

Before any drivers of professional rating can be secured for the local event, official recognition must be first obtained from the national body, when the loop will be logged and formally recognized as one of the speed courses of the association.

Mr. Clark stated yesterday that after the loop is designated as under the jurisdiction of the national body, there is no question whatever but what many of the high class drivers of the country will participate in the coming races. Already Earl Cooper of Los Angeles who drove a Stutz car in the Vanderbilt races last month, has written that he will come to Prescott and participate. Ralph DePalma, likewise, will be here, and other experts at the wheel are expected, from advices received.

The purpose in taking up the listing of the loop at this early day, is to avoid hasty action at the last minute.

The race as decided upon by the local club is for twice around the loop, making the distance 88 miles. Later the roadway is to be fixed up, and it is probable also that a bridge may span Aspen creek at the north end of Grove street. The loop of the Prescott Auto Club is famed all over the country, and its only handicap for professional uses lies in the fact of it not being officially known in A. A. A. circles.

SWANSEA MINES IN PRO-
CESS OF LIQUIDATION

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Swansea Consolidated Mining Company is again passing into a state of liquidation, and at a meeting of unsecured creditors held at Phoenix on Monday, representing an indebtedness of \$120,000 Fred Larson referee in bankruptcy, sanctioned the appointment of O. M. Souder, as the trustee in bankruptcy of the company. This action was supported by unanimous vote of those affected.

Mr. Souder is the vice president of the U. S. National Bank of Los Angeles, and has an office in the Valley Bank of Phoenix. He qualified immediately, and Tuesday left for the Swansea camp near Bouse to take possession.

The future of the Swansea is centered toward working out some kind of a plan to prevent the property meeting a sale in bankruptcy that the destruction of the unsecured debts may be averted as well as the interests of stockholders protected. It is said that several months will be required before plans can be carried out for resuming and a reorganization effected. R. E. Morrison of this city, was appointed as attorney for Trustee Souder.

PEORIA, April 20.—Fire swept

three blocks destroying three thousand and a block of baled hay, belonging to the Nelson Morris Packing Company. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

PIONEER WOMAN GOES
TO HER REWARD

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Death came suddenly yesterday morning, to Mrs. Matilda Petery, one of the few real woman pioneers in this section of the county. The dead body of the woman was found in this section of the county. The House shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning by a servant in the hostelry. Death was due to organic disease.

The deceased was the owner of the Frontier House, a hostelry which fronts towards the railroad depot. She had owned and conducted the place for the past 20 years or more and the building is today regarded as one of the unique attractions offered in Prescott to the inquisitive tourist.

Many years ago when Prescott was but a frontier town, one of her sons left Crown King to pay her a visit in this city. Somewhere along the way, he was either waylaid and murdered or became lost. Just what his fate was never became known and probably never will be.

Frank Blucher, a surviving son who is connected with the Senator mine will arrive in this city today to take charge of the remains.

The deceased had been undergoing treatment for organic heart trouble for the past several weeks and a visit to her home was paid on Tuesday by the attending physician. The woman retired at about 1 o'clock in the morning and the end came probably while she was asleep.

Coroner Charles H. McLane was summoned and held an inquest, the jury finding death due to organic heart trouble.

AUTOISTS WASH THEIR
CLOTHES IN TROUGH

Travelers by team over the Copper Basin highway are very indignant over the polluting of water in the troughs at Government Springs. Three parties who arrived yesterday from the western part of the county, state that when they reached that point the horses refused to drink.

An investigation was made of the water, when it was discovered that soap suds had been immersed in the troughs, and accordingly the thirsty animals disdained the concoction. The day before another traveler in a team had a similar experience and not until this city was reached, did the horses get water. The careless, cruel prank is said to have been played by autoists passing through from the south.

They are said to have used the place as a wayside laundry, evidently not appreciating the fact that a combination of soap, water and dirt is not agreeable to the equine. Government Springs is not occupied and the place is a favorite one for watering stock, particularly so after the long climb up the mountain is made by passing teams.

A PROCLAMATION

Executive Department, State of Arizona.

WHEREAS, the organization of Arizona as a Territory was accomplished approximately fifty years ago and there has not been, hitherto, any regular annual observance of this important historical event;

AND WHEREAS, it is in every way appropriate and in accord with the patriotic spirit animating the people of this State that the founding of the Territory of Arizona should be fittingly celebrated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Geo. W. P. Hunt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Arizona, and acting in conformity with the sentiment expressed by a committee of representative citizens interested in the commemoration of such a significant step as the formal establishing of Territorial Government in Arizona, do hereby recommend that April 24, 1914, be set aside as Arizona Day and be made the occasion for solemnly festive or ceremonial observances in all educational institutions, fraternal orders, historical and civic organizations throughout the State, as public sentiment and common judgment in each separate community may dictate, to the end that the notable achievements of Arizona's pioneer founders, and such other deeds of heroism or acts of service as relate to our beloved State shall be perpetuated and kept fresh in memory year to year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Arizona to be affixed.

Done at the City of (SEAL) Phoenix, the Capital, this 14th day of April 1914.

Attest: Governor of Arizona
SIDNEY P. OSBORN, Secretary of State.

SANTA FE OFFICIALS
VIEW LAND PROJECT

(From Friday's Daily.)

Colonization Agent Seagraves and Advertising Manager Reed of the general offices of the Santa Fe at Chicago and Captain O. M. Carter who has under charge agricultural development on lands owned by the Arizona Land and Irrigation Company, were present at the meeting of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce last night.

Mr. Seagraves said that so far, the Santa Fe colonization office had given scant attention to Yavapai county, for the obvious reason that agricultural development had not yet progressed to a proper stage here. After a trip yesterday, in the cars of Messrs. Norris and Fredericks to the Agricultural Experiment Station and the lands of the A. L. & I. Co., he stated that hereafter, his office will do something toward starting settlers with sufficient means for successful farming for the uplands of Yavapai.

He pointed out that too many inexperienced persons had sought profit in farming on the semi-arid lands of the Southwest. In many cases, they had spent all their substance in the land, leaving nothing for development. What this country needs is trained farmers of sufficient means to carry them until crops can be raised and he promised to extend the help of his office toward this end, from now on.

Captain Carter spoke briefly regarding his plans. He could not speak for the A. L. & I. Co., but had advised the members of that company to develop the lands under their project to a point at which buyers might proceed with the raising of such crops as experts under their employ shall designate. In this manner, the land will be made profitable from the very start. He advocates the farming of irrigated and dry-land by the same farmer, on these lands.

The appointment of three trustees

STATE BIRTHDAY WILL
NOT BE FORGOTTEN

(From Friday's Daily.)

Another holiday is to be added in Arizona but with little effect on business, for it will be observed only every fifty years. With the Phoenix Board of Trade back of it, on April 24 will be celebrated "Arizona Day" commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of government in the territory of Arizona at a permanent capital at Prescott. The plan is a little broader than the observance of a mere holiday. Governor Hunt has been appealed to and has endorsed a plan whereby the day shall be given up in all the schools of the State almost wholly to the consideration of the early history of Arizona, and particularly of the origin of its government, born of the necessities of the Civil War.

Very few now are living of the pioneers who witnessed the birth of the Territory of Arizona. One of these—A. E. Banta—is now in Phoenix. He was a member of a military expedition which broke the way westward from Ft. Union, near Santa Fe, N. M., to a good camping place at the big springs of Chino Valley, about twenty miles north of the present city of Prescott. In December of 1863, in accordance with authority granted by an act signed by President Lincoln on February 3 of the same year, Gov. Goodwin hoisted the American flag at Navajo Springs and declared the new Territory of Arizona. Thereafter he followed the trail that had been left by the military command to Chino Valley.

After a single issue of the monthly Arizona Miner had been published the site of Prescott was laid out near the camping place of a number of placer miners, the choice of the site being made by the Governor just fifty years ago. It will be asked that all cities of the Union and that Arizonans gather as noon on the 24th to drink a toast to the success and prosperity of the State of Arizona.

SELIG POLYSCOPE COM-
PANY IS NO MORE

(From Sunday's Daily.)

After enjoying a pleasant sojourn of nearly two years in this city, the local company of the Selig Polyscope Company has disbanded and Prescott for the time being is without a moving picture concern. If history repeats itself, however, and there is every indication that it will, this state of affairs will not continue any longer than a period of time when a certain group

from this county, to represent Yavapai county in the Arizona Taxpayers' Association, was unanimously recommended. The association was launched at Tucson last week the Yavapai County delegates having been Will L. Clark, of Jerome and John H. Robinson, of this city. Membership in the organization is to be composed entirely of taxpayers, who shall pay as annual dues, 1c on each \$1 of taxation. Mayor Timmerhoff, Judge Moore and others favored the plan. Trustees will be named later.

Mr. Sheffield stated that he had taken over the management of the Prescott Baseball Club; that there is a deficit now of \$169.25; that score card advertising subscribed to date promises to cut down this deficit to about \$30 and that the moral support of the Chamber and attendance at the games by members will pull the club out of the hole.

Mr. Cruice, for the Golf committee, read a report of last year's activities, showing that \$43.33 is now on hand with Treasurer D. W. Russell. President Joslin had requested that this amount be handed over to Dr. Southworth, which will be done forthwith. The Prescott Golf Club will now be placed upon its feet as an organization without relation to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Board of Supervisors promise, according to Chairman Norris, of the roads and boulevards committee, to improve the road to the Walker mining district, as soon as highway work now in hand is finished.

The formation of corn and sorghum clubs among youngsters in this county, proposed by the University of Arizona, was delegated to Aaron H. Powers, with the request that he confer with County School Superintendent W. Curtis Miller for cooperation.

of film stars can pack their baggage and purchase their railway tickets for the Mile High City.

The disbandment of the local company did not come as a surprise to many of the local friends of the company. It has been public property for some time past that dissension existed in the managerial ranks here and that many of the movie stars were dissatisfied.

After Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stedman severed their connections with the local company, Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan the former, the company's producer, left this city. Mr. Duncan came here with the original company and his work was extended the O. K. mark not only by his company but by his many friends here who are afforded the pleasure of seeing the films in the local theatre.

Mr. Duncan's departure was the signal for the arrival here of Marshall Farnum, a brother of the famous Dustin Farnum. The new producer severed his connection with the company recently, but two months after he came here. Business Manager Walker was left in temporary charge and Tom Mix, who has been among the absentees of the local company, arrived here several days ago with the "execution notice." The principal players of the company left yesterday for Los Angeles, there to be distributed among the divers studios under the Selig control. A number of the company remained behind to become permanent residents here.

Whether or not, Mr. Selig will see fit to locate another company here in the near future, is a matter open to conjecture. It is known however, that Mr. Selig and his district manager, Tom Persons, are enamored with the Prescott climate and the inducements it offers to make moving picture films. Mr. Selig has advanced no public explanation of the removal of the company.

During their stay here, the Seligs have rendered valuable aid in the attainment of splendid success for the Frontier Day celebration of 1913 and the Northern Arizona fair. It is deemed very probable that Mr. Mix will again head in this direction when the bugle sounds for the next show, to duplicate his successful managerial stunts of last year.

HAS LAND TITLE.

Albert M. Jones, one of the well known livestock growers of this county, has received and filed for record a patent for 160 acres of land situated about twelve miles west of Ash Fork, to be used as a homestead.